GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2278
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002
EXPANSION OF IGI AIRPORT
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL);Y.G. MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for upgradation/expansion of IGI Airport in view of excessive pressure of passengers and aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for implementation of this scheme; and

(c) the time by which this expansion programme is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c) : Following works have been undertaken to upgrade passenger facilities at IGI Airport, Delhi :-

(i) At the arrival level, the terminal building has been connected to visitors lounge.

(ii) The existing arrival hall has also been modified to provide for increased claim length of the 6 conveyor belts. The locations of the custom counters and other facilities are also being modified, which would increase the arrival handling capacity from 1200 peak hour passengers to 1600 peak hour passengers.

(iii) Congestion in the check-in hall has been overcome by shifting the existing glazing towards the city side thereby adding an area of approximately 600 sq. mts. into the check-in hall.

(iv) The flooring in the arrival and the departure level has been changed to provide for improved ambience of the terminal. The illumination levels in the extended portions have also been enhanced.

(v) Toilets in both arrival and departure areas have also been renovated with superior finish.

Further, taking up of major expansion projects is not considered advisable at this juncture in view of the Government decision to restructure the airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai through long term leasing to theprivate investors, where in privated investors will be required to undertake specified capacity expansion projects in the short term and to meet internationally accepted performance criteria in the long term.